

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-1 OF THE CITY CODE TO
CREATE A COLLEGE STUDENT COMMISSION.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Chapter 2-1 of City Code (*City Boards*) is amended by renumbering the existing sections 2-1-124 (*Commission for Women*) through 2-1-131 (*Commission on Seniors*) as sections 2-1-125 through 2-1-132, respectively, and by adding a new section 2-1-124 to read:

§ 2-1-124 COLLEGE STUDENT COMMISSION.

- (A) The College Student Commission is established to represent this constituency of the City by serving as an advisory board to the city council concerning issues affecting the quality of life for higher education students in the Austin area.
- (B) The commission shall have 15 members nominated by the below-listed higher education institutions and appointed by the city council. Each of the five higher education institutions shall nominate 3 students for appointment by council, and each of the nominating institutions shall restrict its nominations to students currently enrolled at time of appointment. Only one nomination from each nominating institution may be from its Student Government Association or similarly-constituted body. Mandatory membership distribution is as follows:
 - (1) 3 commission members from University of Texas at Austin
 - (2) 3 commission members from Austin Community College
 - (3) 3 commission members from St. Edward's University
 - (4) 3 commission members from Concordia University
 - (5) 3 commission members from Huston-Tillotson University.

Commission composition and membership qualifications contained herein are mandatory and not directory.

Each commission member is exempted from any requirement to be a resident of the City in order to be eligible for appointment or service; therefore, City Code section 2-1-21(B) (*Eligibility Requirements and Removal*) is waived.

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2 (C) The commission should have a balanced membership including students
3 who represent a socioeconomic and ethnically diverse population from
4 multiple student organizations.
- 5 (D) Each commission member shall be appointed for a term of up to two years
6 beginning March 1st.
- 7 (E) Each appointed commission member is exempted from any requirement to
8 comply with training requirements in order to maintain eligibility for
9 service; therefore, City Code section 2-1-23 (*Training*) is waived.
- 10 (F) Each appointed commission member is exempted from any requirement
11 relating to mandatory attendance in order to avoid vacation of position;
12 therefore, City Code section 2-1-26 (*Attendance Requirements and*
13 *Automatic Vacation*) is waived.
- 14 (G) The commission shall meet at least quarterly.
- 15 (H) The commission shall endeavor to provide the public with access to and
16 opportunities for meaningful input into its deliberations and
17 recommendations. In order to afford the greatest possible flexibility in
18 carrying out its objectives, the commission shall not be subject to
19 Government Code Chapter 551 (*Open Meetings Act*); therefore, City Code
20 section 2-1-43(B) is waived.
- 21 (I) The commission shall:
- 22 (1) advise the council on topics that affect college students in the Austin
23 area including, but not limited to, issues relating to transportation,
24 housing, affordability, immigration, and public safety;
- 25 (2) evaluate and recommend programs, policies, and practices that could
26 improve the quality of life of college students in the Austin area; and
- 27 (3) provide opportunities for college students to contribute to the City's
28 culture, economy, and character, and promote such contributions.

29 **PART 2.** This ordinance takes effect on _____ 2017.
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PASSED AND APPROVED

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City Clerk

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